

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

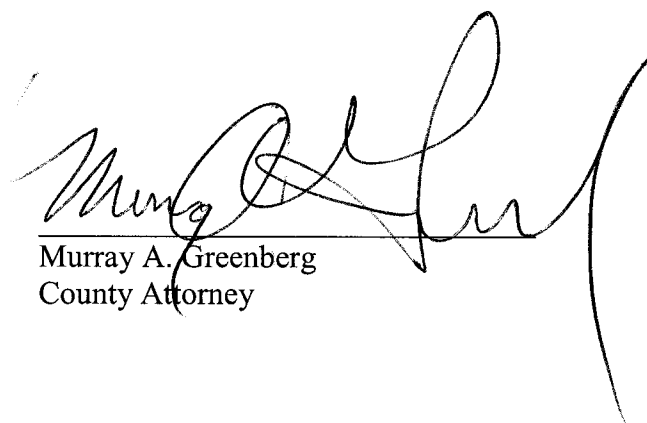
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 5, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Manager to determine
potential for selling renewable
energy credits

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.



Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-5-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL FOR SELLING RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM LANDFILL GAS PROJECT, DEVELOP PROCESS FOR SELLING RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, ESTABLISH FRAMEWORK FOR TRADING ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM FUTURE COUNTY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS, AND CREATE A RENEWABLE ENERGY TRUST FUND FOR NEW ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS FUNDED BY NOT LESS THAN 80% OF SALE PROCEEDS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County adopted a long range CO2 plan and has been a leader in developing local solutions to global warming; and

WHEREAS, included within the recommendations of the County Urban CO2 Reduction Plan was a recommendation to divert methane emitted by landfills to beneficial use; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department and the Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management Department have entered into an agreement that will provide for the effective and environmentally beneficial reuse of landfill gas at the South Miami-Dade Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the generation of “green” energy through this project also provides the County with an opportunity to sell Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), a nationally tradable commodity, that will provide an additional financial benefit to the County; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant and growing market for these RECs or “Green Tags”, including purchases by the FPL Sunshine Energy program; and

WHEREAS, by establishing a framework for trading Renewable Energy Credits, the County will be positioned to take advantage of opportunities created by future alternative energy projects including potential incorporation of alternative energy into County green building design,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is hereby directed to:

Section 1. Determine the potential for selling the Renewable Energy Credits generated by the landfill gas piping project and develop the process for selling the credits in the renewable energy market.

Section 2. Establish a framework for trading additional Renewable Energy Credits from future alternative energy projects commissioned by the County.

Section 3. Create a Renewable Energy Trust Fund to provide a recurring source of funds for new alternative energy projects. Not less than 80% of the proceeds from the sale of RECs shall be deposited in the Renewable Energy Trust Fund.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	


The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Peter S. Tell